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COMMITTEE PREPARING TO WELCOME PORTLAND

TRADE EXCURSIONISTS TO BE MADE FAMILIAR WITH POSSIBILITIES OF THE OWYHEE PROJECT WHILE IN THIS SECTION

NYSSA IS CO-OPERATING

Visitors Will Reach City At 6 A. M. and Will Drive From Here to Nyssa According to Latest Advice—Banquet in Evening

Portland's trade missionaries, to the number of nearly, if not more than, one hundred will be the guests of Malheur County next Tuesday.

The web-footed business men from the state's metropolis are going to be made thoroughly acquainted with what they are missing because the Owyhee Project has never been built—the object being of course to impress upon them the vital importance of seeing to it that they do not continue to miss business opportunities thru its further neglect.

Ontario and Nyssa have determined that since the interests of both communities lies in the promotion of the Owyhee Project they will combine their efforts in entertaining the visitors. Cars from both towns will carry the visitors over the project and thru the Wilder region, and back here so they can get their train for Vale and reach there at 11, A. M.

In the evening the visitors will be the hosts at a banquet here in Ontario and this again will be used as a demonstration of what this country is as a producer of grains, fruit, and hay, and not a live stock country only, as Portlanders are prone to think of it.

W. H. Doolittle is chairman of the general arrangements committee and H. L. Peterson, J. A. Lakkness and H. C. Smith are in charge of the arrangements for the banquet, Ivan E. Oakes, L. R. Breithaupt, A. Hultquist and G. K. Aiken of the decorations of the banquet room and S. H. Clay is arranging for the ars for the trip over the project.

At Vale the visitors will have their luncheon and will be shown the products of the Warm Springs irrigation district which raised its first crop this year.

The local committee is planning on making the banquet here a demonstration of what Malheur county can do as a food producer. Everything on the menu will be the product of Malheur county except the sugar and the coffee and cigars—and we can raise tobacco too.

OREGON CLUB OPENS YEAR WITH BIG TIME

Ernest Gramse President of Young Men's Social Club, Clarence Crouter, Vice President, Joy Husted, Secretary-Treasurer.

The ninth successful year of the Oregon Club was launched Tuesday night of this week when the members gathered for a big spread, and arranged for the launching of their campaign for members, and a good time.

At the election of officers which was held some time since Ernest Gramse was named president; Clarence Crouter, vice president and Joy Husted, secretary and treasurer.

The club has determined this year to raise the limit on membership to 50 and has prospective candidates sufficient to complete that number. The first big party will be the annual Hallo'en number which has long been a feature of the club's program.

The club has taken a six month's lease on the quarters it has occupied in the Wilson building and will have a formal and an informal party every other week from now until April.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dingman who have long been residents of the Orchard tract west of town left this week for Portland and other western points.

John Erosman was down from Willow Creek this week on business.

REALTY MEN TO BOOST FOR COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

The Malheur County Realty Association held its first regular meeting in the Chamber of Commerce room at Vale, Oregon, on the evening of October 12, 1923. On account of rainy weather and bad roads only a small number of members were present. The Ontario members report that the meeting was full of enthusiasm and transacted the necessary business to start the association on a course that ought to make it a success. The next meeting will be held in Nyssa, on the second Tuesday in November at 7:30 p. m.

All business men and realty owners are especially invited to attend, as it is the endeavor of the Malheur County Realty Association to rightly advertise Malheur County and to work for the betterments of its growing communities.

HIGH SCHOOL GIVEN SCITH-HUGHES COURSE

Local Institution Selected as Suitable For Federal and State Aid in Agriculture—Only 18 Schools Listed in State.

The Ontario High School has been approved as capable of presenting vocational agriculture under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes act for the encouragement of agricultural study in the High Schools of the country.

E. E. Elliott, state supervisor was in Ontario Tuesday and established the course and approved of the school board's selection of M. D. Thomas as instructor. Mr. Thomas has been relieved of a portion of his science classes so he can take charge of the work.

Among the 18 High Schools in the state approved for federal aid under the provisions of the act, Mr. Elliott, declared that Mr. Thomas was among the best prepared teachers, since he has his degree in agriculture from the agricultural college of the University of Missouri beside his degree from the teacher's college of the same institution.

Two thirds of the salary of the teacher is paid for by the federal and state departments and a Ford is provided for his use. This is done because of the fact that most of the teaching takes place in the country at the ranches where the boys taking the course are required to actual work. Each pupil is required to take up one special project and actually do the work on the farm. Some of the boys who have registered for example are studying stock raising and are raising stock, others raise poultry and so on.

The course in every case covers six months and the purpose of the course is to present the business side of farming and to teach methods that have been proven successful from a business as well as a scientific standpoint.

There are only 18 High Schools in Oregon so far that have qualified for the installation of the course and one only school in each county is approved for the course.

As teacher of agriculture Prof. Thomas was engaged at a salary of \$2,000 per year and the Ford car and incidental expenses in connection therewith are provided. The teacher in this department is required to work 12 months and carry on instruction during the summer vacation on the ranches where the boys enrolled are actually doing the work.

Think Ontario "Regular City"

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Knight of Guthrie, Oklahoma were in Ontario last week on their way to Portland where they are going to make their home. While here they were the guests of Miss Luella Calin. That the Oklahomans were impressed with Ontario may be indicated by the following sentiment they expressed: "This is a real city, and so far ahead, in a business way, of many larger towns thru which we have travelled. Your paving and water system are credits to the hustle of the community, that we would not mind living here."

Mrs. Thos Brosnan and daughter Miss Ella returned Wednesday from California where they spent several weeks.

MALHEUR COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS WIN HONORS

First Year of Club Work Successful—Prize Won By Violet Lees of Bonita—Other Project Exhibitors Place

Miss Mazie Wilson, county club leader, returned to Ontario this week from Seattle where she visited following the closing of the State Fair. Miss Wilson reports that the Malheur county did not win all the places contested for at the state exposition, the placing of Miss Violet Lees as first in Division I of sewing, and the other awards made the boys and girls of the county constituted a most favorable showing.

By winning first in sewing Miss Lees is entitled to the two weeks session at Corvallis next summer. Her sister Doris Lees won fourth place and Katherine Boswell of Vale fifth. In division II Mildred Conklin of Cairo won fourth place.

Douglas county won first in corn exhibits, while Averitt Hickox of Cairo won fifth; in potatoes Frank Sherwood of Nyssa won fourth.

Miss Wilson reports that much interest was shown in the pig exhibited by Glenn Rose of Ontario which won third in the Poland China special class.

In the cooking class Miss Evadne Cochran of Ontario faced the difficulty of having her product which was baked here on the Friday before the fair scored on the Wednesday following while most of the other contestants were able to bake their bread on Monday and bring it to Salem. However even with this handicap the product of the local Miss scored high, tho it did not place in the first five.

FATHER OF ARGONNE VETERAN SPEAKS HERE

Walter L. Looze, Sr. of Salem Opens Campaign With Address At City Hall—Would Scrap League of Nations.

Following the caucus at the City Hall last Monday evening Walter L. Tooze, Sr. of Salem one of the veteran campaign orators of Oregon for the past 20 years delivered a stirring address on the issues of the day. Mr. Tooze spoke as a republican and opened the campaign in this county.

Mr. Tooze is well known on the westside of the state. He was a delegate to the National Republican convention this year and is the father of Leslie L. Tooze, one of the Tooze twins famous in the annals of the University of Oregon who was killed in the battle of the Argonne.

In his address Mr. Tooze paid his respects to the League of Nations in no uncertain terms. He declared that from letters in his possession written by his sons and other soldier boys he knew that the A. E. F. fought not to establish a super government for the world but to save American liberties which were being attacked by the German government.

Mr. Tooze dwelt at length on the administrative record of the present administration and declared that its policy of free trade was responsible for the deflation of prices of farm products.

In particular he called attention to the importation of Argentine beef and held up a can of that product for the edification of the audience. This beef he declared is competing with the beef of eastern Oregon and is the indirect cause of the falling off of hay prices.

Mr. Looze made an eloquent appeal for the election of the republican ticket all down the line and particularly mentioned the candidacy of R. N. Stanfield, who he declared will carry the Willamette valley next month.

Following his address here Mr. Tooze spoke at Nyssa on Tuesday morning and at Vale Tuesday evening.

J. R. Cottingham of Oklahoma City and Thos. Smith of Denver were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Coakum on Monday. They went to Crane for a days hunting and had exceptional luck. On the trip they were piloted by J. D. Billingsley and Thos. Arnold.

AVALANCHE OF SCORES BURRIES LOCAL TEAM

New Men Playing On O. H. S. Unable to Stem March of Boise Veterans—Score 54 to 0—Coaches in Auto Accident—No One Hurt

Minus the services of Mitchell Moore, captain, who was ill, the Ontario High School football team went down to defeat in its first game of the season at Boise Saturday. The score was 54 to 0 and tells the story of the game.

While making no allis the locals, with an almost entirely new team, the boys found themselves bested by the Boise veterans who pumelled the line, but make most of their yardage around the ends an thru effective use of the forward pass which the back field did not solve.

Coaches Turn Car Turtle

On the way back from Boise Saturday evening Coaches B. B. Wood and S. M. Bouches were the victims of an auto accident. Mr. Wood was driving his high powered car and, while the details are not known, somehow it turned turtle. The top was smashed but other wise the car was not badly injured. Luck was with the occupants for they suffered only minor bruises and a shaking up.

Directors Guests at Dinner

Secretary and Mrs. S. H. Clay were the hosts for a dinner in honor of the directors of the Commercial club at their home last Tuesday evening. The evening was spent in a mixture of social and business conferences all of which the director declared a delightful finale for the big dinner.

CONGRESSMAN SINNOTT SPEAKS HERE MONDAY

League of Nations and Other Issues of the Day Will Be Discussed By Eastern Oregon's Congressman—Place to Be Announced Later

Congressman N. J. Sinnott will be the second speaker to address an Ontario audience to present the republican side of the contest for national honors, while as yet the democratic view of the issues have not been championed by any speaker, save its candidate, Governor Jas. M. Cox.

Congressman Sinnott will be in Ontario Monday evening but the place for holding his meeting has not been determined as yet.

According to the announcements Mr. Sinnott will devote a major portion of his address to a discussion of the League of Nations issue, tho of course, since he is chairman of the House committee on public lands he will undoubtedly have something to say concerning pending and probable reclamation legislation.

MALHEUR MAKES FINE SHOWING AT STATE FAIR

One of the best, if not the best agricultural display at the State Fair this year came from Malheur County. The display was in charge of C. M. Beaumont of Kingdon Colony and Mrs. J. B. Smith of Nyssa, both of whom deserve much credit for their faithful work in placing the display and keeping it intact thru-out the week.

Malheur county took first in the county displays for the division of the state it placed in. Altogether, eleven first premiums were taken and three seconds on agricultural products.

First and sweepstakes were taken on threshed barley. Both first and second was taken on irrigated potatoes, which is a prize well worth while. First was taken on both yellow and white dent corn. The Malheur honey display was the best seen, while the big watermelon sent down was a revelation to many.

A great deal of favorable comment was heard on the general quality of products grown in this county and Malheur received much valuable advertising.

PUPILS IN SCHOOLS PRACTICE FIRE DRILLS—HOSE REPLACED

The new fire escape on the Grammar School building were used for the first time this week in first drill. Tho no speed record was attempted all the pupils of the grades were out of the building in two and a half minutes. Over at the High School the pupils there clipped a minute off the grammar school record.

At the grammar school all the pupils of the upper rooms use the fire escape and special attention on the part of the teachers was given to orderly processions rather than speed.

Beside drilling the pupils the school board had all the hose in the buildings replaced where at all defective and tested the taps. These were found in good working order. These tests and drills will be held regularly thru the year.

McCREIGHT CHAIRMAN OF FOURTH ROLL CALL

Ontario Chapter To Enroll 1600 Members In Red Cross—Number 11th To 25th Enrollment Season

J. C. McCreight of Ontario has been appointed Fourth Roll Call chairman for the local chapter of the American Red Cross, according to announcement just made by the run between the dates of November 11th and 25th, the minimum goal set by the local chapter being a membership of 1600.

"The Roll Call is neither a driver nor a campaign," explained Mr. McCreight after accepting the position as chairman. "It merely is an effort by the organization to make payment of dues by members a simple matter, and to offer the opportunity for persons not now members to enroll.

"The local goal should be comparatively easy, and we should go considerably beyond it. It represents only a few more members than are now enrolled, and greatly less than the war-time membership. Half of every dollar secured stays at home—to fight disease, to teach emergency aid, to save babies and guard family health. The record of the Red Cross during the last two years shows clearly its great value as a peace-time relief organization. The management cost of National Headquarters and the fourteen divisions is less than four per cent of the total expenditures—a surprisingly low figure.

"Since demobilization the organization has kept in touch with the families of 800,000 service men, doing everything from supplying first aid to seeing a man through to a better job. In an average month this year the Red Cross aided 422,888 adults and 101,755 children in Europe; people who otherwise would be without even the simple necessities of life. Last year in this country the Red Cross aided more than 30,000 victims of flood, or other unavoidable disaster.

"This is a part of what was done with the half of the membership dollar which went into the national treasury. Not all the statisticians of the country could total the good done with the half which stayed at home. And this is why I'm devoting my time for the next few weeks to Red Cross Roll Call work.

BAD CHECK ARTIST HELD TO GRAND JURY

Lee Gray Arrested at Weiser Declares He Had Funds in Nyssa Bank When Checks Were Drawn.

Lee Grey, a cripple who worked on ranches south of Nyssa for some time came to Ontario last week and furnished a number of local merchants samples of his penmanship in the shape of checks on one of the Nyssa banks.

When the checks reached Nyssa the bank there refused to honor them and a search was instituted to locate Mr. Grey. He was found at Weiser and Marshal H. C. Farmer and Sheriff Lee Noe brot him back to Ontario. He was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace C. M. Stearns who held in to the grand jury in the sum of \$500 bail. This was furnished.

W. W. WOOD CAUCUS NOMINEE FOR MAYOR

LARGEST CAUCUS IN RECENT YEARS HELD MONDAY EVENING SELECTS CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

MANY NOMINEES VOTED UPON

Six Men Selected For Common Council Are H. R. Udick, W. L. Turner, Dr. W. J. Weese, Ivan E. Oakes, Frank Rader and E. M. Greig

With the Council Chamber of the City Hall packed to capacity, the nominating caucus for the city was held last Monday evening. It was the largest caucus in many years, the crowd having been drawn by rumors of "slates" which prevailed the city during the day.

While there was a large crowd present there was no dominating slate, so far as could be learned, and the selection of a ticket evidenced by the voting indicated that all the nominees were popular and the ballots were cast with all kinds of combinations showing that the voters were casting individual ballots.

E. A. Fraser was selected as chairman of the caucus and W. L. Turner was named clerk with Louis Kroenlein, Jr. and Hershell Brown tellers, following the calling of the meeting to order by Mayor R. W. Jones and the reading of the call for the meeting by City Recorder Clay M. Stearns.

For Mayor there were a number of nominees many of whom declined instantly, until the two remaining names were W. W. Wood and W. H. Doolittle. The vote of these two resulted in the selection of Judge Wood.

For the position of treasurer there was but one nomination, that of C. W. Platt, whose selection was made unanimous.

Then followed the Councilmanic nominations with the following names voted upon: H. R. Udick, J. M. Patterson, Frank Rader, C. F. Cox, C. A. Powell, A. E. Christiansen, Ivan E. Oakes, Carl Field, Ed Fifer, Dr. W. J. Weese, E. M. Greig, D. W. Powers and Frank P. Ran.

The count of the ballot resulted in the nomination of the following: H. R. Udick, W. L. Turner, Dr. W. J. Weese, Ivan E. Oakes, E. M. Greig and Frank Rader. The two next in line were D. W. Powers and Ed Fifer.

Since the nominations it has been rumored that one or two of the men named will decline to serve but this could not be verified.

Just before the adjournment of the meeting J. R. Blackaby moved that the ticket selected by placed on the ballot as "The Citizens Ticket" That prevailed.

The city election takes place on the same day as the general election, Tuesday, November 2, and besides selecting the administrative officers the voters will be called upon to pass upon an amendment to the city charter and on a special levy for the support of the public library.

STOPPAGE OF WHEAT SALES IS PLANNED

Wichita, Kan.—The Wheatgrowers' association of the United States, with a membership of 70,000 in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Nebraska and South Dakota, has issued from its office here a proclamation to all its members urging them to refrain from selling any wheat after 5 p. m., October 25, until such time as the price of good wheat is raised to \$3 a bushel at growers' terminal market.

Agricultural colleges, farm bureaus, state boards of agriculture and similar organizations are urged to co-operate with the association in its effort to raise the price of wheat. The proclamation is signed by W. F. McMichael, national president, and W. H. McGreevy, national secretary.

J. W. McCulloch returned today from Burns where he attended the session of the Harney County Court.

Judge Dalton Biggs returned from Burns today where he has been attending Court.